



# **LINCOLN CHAFEE**

## **U.S. SENATOR**

### **RHODE ISLAND**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Tuesday, March 29, 2005**

**CONTACT: Stephen Hourahan**  
**202-224-6167**

## **CHAFEE ANNOUNCES LABOR DEPARTMENT GRANT**

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Labor has awarded the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training up to \$750,000 for Rhode Islanders dislocated by the closure of two HomeGoods Distribution Center facilities in Mansfield, Massachusetts.

“I am very pleased that the Department of Labor has made these funds available for retraining, education and job placement of the Rhode Islanders,” Chafee said. “I urge all former HomeGoods Distribution Center employees who live in Rhode Island to apply for this assistance to help recover from being displaced,” Chafee continued.

This project will provide intensive reemployment services ranging from orientation and skills training to job development and job placement activities. The proposed employment-related assistance will include specific elements to address the unique needs of this displaced population including English-as-a-Second Language training to better prepare them to compete for jobs in the high demand, high growth sectors of the economy.

###